

CTTAB

June 8, 2004 Minutes

**City of Seattle, Board Room, 27th Floor
Key Tower, 700 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104**

Board Members Present

Todd Achilles
Bill Baron
Maryann Budlong
Michael Daum
Deborah Gartside
Pwint Htun
Manny Ovena
Ann Robinson
Nina Sanders
Jeff Techico
Ken Thompson
Harriet Wasserman

Excused

Damien Koemans
Huat Chye Lim

Absent

Jason Bennett
Richard Salway

Staff

David Keyes
Jill Novik
Tony Perez
Bill Schrier, CTO

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda was approved and May minutes were approved as amended to correct the committee name to Emerging Technology.

2. Remarks from the Chief Technology Officer: Bill Schrier See attached.

3. Community Technology Report: David Keyes

David Keyes reminded people of the CTCnet conference at the end of the week, with a PSACT and City sponsored reception Friday night at Seattle Center. Several CTTAB members are presenting or attending and it will be a good opportunity to showcase CTTAB. He also noted that Councilmember McIver had positive things to say about CTTAB's work.

Keyes also updated on the indicators survey, noting that information is starting to come in. The consultants will make a presentation in July and he will get early sections to CTTAB as he gets them. In regard to the Millennium settlement, Keyes noted that one of two newly available community connections was installed at Helping Link. He also noted that the Cisco community team has put in a request for national Cisco support for the Kawabe House project. A part of the 2003 TMF group, this will new project will support Internet connectivity for about 280 residents.

Keyes is working with SeaMar health clinics and the Bar Association to explore locating public computer terminals in the clinics. The Bar Association received a grant from the Attorney General's

office for this. South Park SeaMar would be the first pilot.

The 2004 TMF contracts are mostly completed. Jack Straw is going to have an open house in August, and CTTAB will be invited.

Manny reported that the School District wants to extend the fiber network to elementary schools and is working with the City now on that project.

Budget: Due to lack of funding, Cass Magnuski's position is ending, although she will have a small contract to continue writing Brainstorm. The TMF manager position has been made permanent.

Keyes added that the community technology budget will probably lose some funding. Schrier noted that DoIT's budget, \$66 million, will be cut because of the City Light street light decision and general revenue situation. The actual budget will not be known until September.

Civic engagement: the committee talked about two different approaches with different models and tools. The committee will take two projects to boost information about civic engagement.

4. Committee Reports:

Emerging Technology: Pwint reported that the committee had met with Tony and Jill to discuss Wi-Fi. Instead of a decision matrix, the group distributed some programmatic ideas and decision criteria. It was agreed that this work was a good first step to coming up with some concrete ideas.

Deborah Gartside replaced Pwint Htun as committee chair.

Council Telecommunications Innovation Task Force: CTTAB discussed its role in regard to the proposed resolution, which will be presented for a possible vote on June 23. CTTAB agreed that the resolution raised many great ideas, as well as questions such as who will serve, when a report could be issued, and funding. *Action: Delegate to an ad hoc committee comprised of the Emerging Technologies and other interested CTTAB members to develop a response to Councilmember Compton on the proposed resolution. If there are any dissenting opinions, they shall be included in the response.* In addition to the ET committee, the following members volunteered: Todd Achilles, Harriet Wasserman, Maryann Budlong, and Jeff Techico.

5. Cable Office Report: Tony reported that the Office is close to completing the first phase of outreach for the franchise renewal, and all members are invited to the Urban League meeting on June 9. It is hoped that a draft needs assessment report will be ready in August, and it will be shared with CTTAB when available. We will likely start Comcast franchise renewal negotiations in January, 2005.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

ATTACHMENT: COMMENTS FROM CTO

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SEATTLE.GOV REDESIGN

The City's website has been redesigned with an improved look-and-feel, new "headers" and a new width. The new design was implemented on May 29th.

Some departmental pages look good with the new design and headers, e.g. Fire and City Council. Others will need revision and updating, which will occur over the next few months.

E-GOVERNMENT

DoIT and the Seattle Municipal Court have been accepting electronic payments for Municipal Court violations for a number of years – over the phone since 1998. Here is the 2004- year-to-date volume of such transactions.

Method	No. of Transactions	Amount	No. of Returns	Return Amount	Total
Phone (IVR)	13,060	\$ 714,126	37	\$3,498	\$710,628
Web	20,002	\$ 997,180	35	\$3,062	\$994,118
Total	33,062	\$1,711,306	72	\$6,560	\$1,704,746

OF NOTE

We are in the process of installing a “listen line” in the Boards and Commissions Room. This will allow constituents (and employees) to dial a telephone number and listen to meetings occurring in this room (a similar line already exists for Council chambers – 684-8566).

CITY COUNCIL ACTION – TELECOMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE PROPOSAL

Councilmember Compton introduced legislation on 7 June “creating the Task Force on Telecommunications Innovation to explore and report on the feasibility of a municipally owned network that is available to the public using broadband technologies, broadband over power lines, Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, and other wireless applications, end-user fiber build out, and other telecommunications technologies.”

The legislation was discussed at the Utilities and Technology Committee. CTTAB members Pwint Htun and Bill Baron, plus executives from Tacoma Public Utilities discussed the concept with the Committee.

There is an extensive scope of work and no funding.